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LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF PRODUCTION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any agreement with the Food and Agricuiturai Organization (FAO) of United Nations for promoting production of medicinal plants through organic production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and condition; and

(c) by when it is likely to become functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY 0F AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD ANC PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a: to (c) No bi-lateral agreement on the subject between Government of India and FAO is under negotiation. However, the International Fund for Agricultural Development has extended Technical Assistance Grant1 to the FAO to work on organic production, marketing, certification and processing of medicinal, aromatic and dye plants not only in this country but also in Nepal. Bhutan and Sri Lanka. FAO has not so far indicated a possible date for launch of this multi-lateral initiative.